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ON RUSSIAN MISERY

An experienced reporter, who recently spent some time traveling through Russia, writes that those in the United States who think there is widespread discontent among the Russian people are sadly mistaken.

While admitting that Russian living standards were very low, compared with those in the United States, the reporter says that most of the Russians feel that they are much better off than they were a year ago, or five or ten years ago, and, therefore, they are optimistic about the future.

Whether the Russian has a new 3-cubic foot refrigerator, or a new radio, he seems to be delighted with it — simply because he never had anything previously. This is the price the Russian people have paid for having inefficient, or corrupt leadership through the centuries. It is a sad state of affairs when so little makes the Russian people contented, but it is well for Americans to realize as much when this is the case.

As long as the Russian people think they are making progress, there is very little chance that there will be a widespread revolution to overthrow the Communist Government in Moscow. As long as they are getting more material goods than they had enjoyed in recent years, one cannot expect them to revolt for something better — when they have never had anything better.

The people of Russia cannot be expected to fight for a democratic government because they have never operated under a democratic government and are, therefore, not educated in its procedures, benefits and blessings, and therefore have no gauge with which to judge democracy as against communism.

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BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Dr. Cecil Clark, of Cameron, La., recently set an example in the finest tradition of the medical profession during and after Hurricane Audrey. Cameron is, or was, a small Louisiana town which lay in the path of the recent hurricane.

Dr. Clark, his wife and three of their five children, were in their house when the hurricane approached. As wind and waves got more severe and the storm reached its climax, Dr. Clark left his home on a call. Only shortly thereafter, a twenty-foot tidal wave struck his house, which was finally rescued. The only reason Clark's two sons were saved was gulfed the entire area in water.

Clark's three daughters, one a baby who was held tightly in her mother's arms, were lost in the ensuing tragedy. Mrs. Clark floated for twenty minutes, although she lost grip on the baby in the turmoil. She was finally rescued. The only reason Clark's two sons were saved was that they were visiting relatives at the time the storm struck.

In the terrible hours which followed the waning of the hurricane, Dr. Clark worked around the clock on victims brought to him. At one point, he was informed of the loss of his three daughters, but he had no time to stop his humanitarian task. For over twenty-four hours he stayed with his job, attempting to save lives until other doctors arrived.

Then, at last, he departed. Mrs. Clark was under another doctor's care, and the weary doctor could only be thankful that she and his two sons were still alive. This incident brings to mind very vividly the terror that is a severe hurricane, and the sense of obligation which so often influences the lives of members of the medical profession.

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THE MEANING OF "CLEAN" BOMBS

Many of us missed the real significance of the announcement from the White House that U. S. scientists had developed a method to produce "clean" nuclear bombs. It is reported that our scientists are now able to develop a nuclear bomb that is ninety-six per cent "clean."

This means that nuclear bombs can be used in wartime without spreading devastation over great areas and causing huge civilian casualties because of the radio-active fallout. H-bombs can now be pin-pointed on military targets, and while they are utterly devastating, they need not spread death through the skies and misery over the country in the form of huge totals of civilian casualties — such as those which occurred in Japan because of the radio-active fallout from atomic bombs.

This really means that there is a greater chance that nuclear weapons will be used in the next war than there had been previously. Whether they will actually be used or not, no one can say, although it seemed that as long as these bombs produced a radio-active fallout so destructive for the civilian population, no country would risk their use.

Now, there is a distinct possibility that the various governments will decide to use only "clean" nuclear weapons, if they use them at all. A small and "clean" nucear weapon, used as a tactical weapon on the battlefield, seems to have a better chance of usage now than it did only a few months ago. Since the United States is supposed to have the lead in the production and possession of nuclear weapons, the discovery of a method of producing "clean" bombs is of the utmost importance to the United States.

A world convention should inevitably result from this discovery, leading to a general agreement not to use unclean nuclear weapons—something on the order of the wordwide agreement not to employ poison gas in wars — a prohibition which was generally observed in both World War II and the Korean War. It would be even better, of course, if neither clean nor unclean bombs were allowed.

What human beings are unable to understand, they attribute to the Almighty, either as a blessing or a punishment.

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Devotional Reading: Isaiah 40:27-31.

Rugged Faith

Lesson for July 21, 1957

A MAN who at the age of 40 was not afraid to give a minority report even in the face of a threatened lynching; a man who at 85 was still asking for the hardest job and the most dangerous job in the country; such a man is worth more than a glance. Such a man was Caleb, a much younger contemporary of Moses. We first hear of this sturdy man when he and Joshua stood out alone against the overwhelming pessimism of the majority "Report on Prospects." Twelve tribal leaders had been chosen to go into Palestine and see what things looked like. Ten of these leaders brought back the word (and archaeology shows it was true): The country is full of well-built, well-fortified cities. We shall not take it without a fight. But then they went on to say: We shall lose the fight. Forget all about the conquest of Canaan; it can't be done. **We are no better than grasshoppers!**

Dr. Foreman

God-Conscious

On the facts, Caleb and Joshua agreed. A beautiful land, well-defended cities, plenty of fighting certain. But on the recommendations they had something different to say. "Do not fear," they said. "The Lord is with us." But no one believed them unless it was Moses. The people were so far from believing them that they threatened them with death by stoning. The difference between Caleb and Joshua, on the one side, and the masses of the people on the other, was the faith of these men. The majority thought only, "We can do nothing." This tiny minority thought: "We can do a great deal —if God is with us." The majority looked at the situation and found it hopeless, because they found it godless. Caleb looked at the same situation with hope and confidence, because he saw God as the most important part of it. The reason why faith is strong is that faith is God-conscious.

On God's Side

Merely being aware of God is not the whole of faith.--not the whole of the rugged faith of Caleb. It is quite clear from what Caleb said, that he wanted to be, and believed he was, on God's side, and carrying out God's purposes. Faith not only sees God in hard situations, faith lines up with God, so far as God's will can be seen. There is a great deal of difference, for example, between faith as we find it in Luther and as we find it in Hitler. Both of them were men of strong faith. They believed themselves to be men of destiny. But then why were they so different? The difference was in this: Luther wished nothing higher than to follow the will of God wherever it might lead him; Hitler if he believed in God at all, expected God to support his own ambitions. A Hitler cracks up at the last; but a Luther does not. So Caleb outlived his entire generation, for his hope and his faith were planted in God, not in himself.

Without Fear, Without Pride

Faith in God like all good things can be turned into a sort of mockery of itself, a cheap or grotesque imitation of reality. Faith can be a cover-up for fear. It can be used as a retreat to get out of attempting hard things. Once a young man was pleading in a great gathering of Christian leaders, for men to go out as Christian missionaries,—this in a day when missionaries were very few. An older minister rose and told the young man to sit down: "When God is ready to convert the heathen, he will do it without your help!" That minister was using his faith to conceal his own unwillingness to risk the dangers of being a missionary. Some parents are so much afraid of vaccination that they will refuse to let their children be vaccinated—we believe in God, they say. True faith is a rugged thing, as Caleb's was. It asks for the hardest tasks, it is not afraid of work or danger. Then faith can be twisted into pride; Hitler is an example of that, so was Napoleon. So was the Grand Inquisitor; so have been any number of tyrants in the church and out of it. True faith creates confidence, but not conceit. When a man of faith begins to confuse himself with God, rugged faith has changed to brittle arrogance.

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Traffic Toll On Increase

Richmond, Va.- Traffic deaths during the first six months of 1957 in Virginia ran seven above those for the same period of 1956, according to an announcement by Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee.

Colonel Woodson said State Police statistics showed 394 dead for the 1957 period to compare unfavorably with 387 for the first half of 1956. "As late as May 18 this year," he said, "we were 34 deaths under the comparable 1956 toll, but a disastrous June which saw 94 deaths as against but 64 for June, 1956, wiped out all progress made."

Noting that the full year of 1956 saw a death reduction to 830 from the 879 of 1955, the safety official felt the situation to be all the more gloomy as 1956 gains were made during the last, and almost consistently more dangerous, half of the year. "We entered the second half of 1956 with a 0-death deficit and ended the year with 39 deaths to the good. This was a very exceptional achievement," he said.

Pedestrian deaths, he continued, rose at an even more disturbing rate as there were 85 by July 1 this year as opposed to but 66 for the same period of 1956. Deaths of military personnel were down from 58 to 30 which, he said, must reflect the ever-growing concern and action by military authorities throughout the state. Virginia traffic volumes were up about 6 per cent and the latest national figures show a death reduction from 14,730 to 14,360 as of June 1, 1957.

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[illegible] ATTENDED STATE 4-H CLUB SHORT COURSE

[illegible] Appomattox County members, l. to r., bottom and top row, Fay Couch, Ann Marshall Farrar; top row, Percy [illegible] Abbitt, Laurie Carter [illegible] Lee attended the [illegible] Short Course.

[illegible] Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Carson, of Route 4, [illegible] for membership in the [illegible] organization. This organization is composed of outstanding [illegible] members throughout the [illegible] Winifred Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Lee, of Route 4, participated in the State Canning Contest and was the winner of a blue ribbon.

Patsy Farrar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farrar, of Evergreen, participated in the State Frozen Foods Contest and was the winner of a white ribbon.

Ann Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Martin, Pamplin, was the winner of a State Award on her garden project.

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[illegible] Vicinity, July 15.- Mr. [illegible] Billy Watson Southall [illegible] of Bon Air, Va., spent [illegible] with Mr. and Mrs. Rixey [illegible]

[illegible] Robinson and Miss [illegible]thall have returned [illegible] trip to Washington [illegible]

[illegible] Woodall and daughter [illegible]y Baldwin spent the [illegible] relatives in North [illegible]

[illegible] Mattox, Miss Fran[illegible] Mrs. H. A. Williams [illegible] Andrew Williams [illegible] in Williamsburg and [illegible]

[illegible] Scott Garrison, Mrs. [illegible]es and Miss Mary [illegible]nded the Nash-Reynolds at New Hope Baptist [illegible] night.

[illegible] Lloyd Inge, of Wil[illegible]r, and Mrs. Jim Inge [illegible] are on a trip this [illegible] Smoky Mountains.

[illegible] Clyde Burrell and [illegible], Diana, Miss Edna [illegible] Mr. [illegible]erry Davis [illegible]k-end in Washington [illegible]

[illegible]erine Elliott Canada, [illegible] spent last week here [illegible]ncocher, Mrs. Bessie [illegible] her father and [illegible]isiting in Philadelphia [illegible]

[illegible] Jimmie Finchum [illegible]s Ray, and Mr. and [illegible] Greene, of Farm[illegible] see Mrs. Juddy [illegible]y evening.

[illegible] Watson, of Long[illegible] spent the week-end [illegible] Mrs. Rixey Southall. [illegible] Robinson is on the [illegible] writing.

[illegible] Payne is a patient [illegible] Hospital.

[illegible]rs. Jackie Mann on [illegible] were Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]s and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Faldwin, Mrs. Raymond Price and Mrs. Betty Jamerson.

Milton Price spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Price.

The Revival starts here at the Baptist Church Sunday, July 21st. Rev. J. J. Bowman, of Lynchburg will assist Rev. Anderson in the services. Everyone come and join in and let us have an old-fashioned revival together.

Guests of Mrs. Raymond Price on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jamerson and daughter, Linda Faye.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Anderson were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rosser.

Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan, of New Jersey are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. W. S. Cumby called to see Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby Saturday night.

ABBITT TO SPEAK AT AREA-DAY SPONSORED BY RURITAN NATIONAL

Jamestown.- M. A. Hubbard, of Richmond, executive secretary of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, will be the speaker at Jamestown Festival Park on Monday, July 22, for the first of a series of nine county or rural-area days sponsored by the Festival and Ruritan National.

The program was arranged by Ruritan's Chesapeake District, consisting of the counties of King George, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Middlesex, Lancaster, Mathews, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, New Kent, Charles City, York, Warwick, Hanover, Elizabeth City, James City, Caroline, Henrico, Essex and Richmond.

This program and each of the eight others will take place in July and early August.

The program for the Appomattox District of Ruritan will be held on August 5. District Governor, Robert C. Clary, of Valentines, will introduce the speaker, Fourth District Watkins M. Abbitt, of Appomattox. The Buckingham County High School Band will perform.

VA. PRESS ASS'N. MEETS AT WILLIAMSBURG IN 75TH CONVENTION

Williamsburg.- Virginia's Fourth Estate celebrates 75 years of organization when the Virginia Press Association holds its Diamond Anniversary Convention here Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 18, 19-20. More than 300 Virginia newspapermen and women, their families and invited guests will participate in the gathering.

Highlight of the convention will be the Parks-Franklin memorial observance in tribute to Virginia's colonial printer and America's first Public Printer. Working in cooperation with the College of William and Mary and the Virginia 250th Anniversary Celebration, the V. P. A. will hold a dinner on July 19, following which will be the presentation of an award to the American adjudged the outstanding champion of freedom of information and the never-ending battle for the people's right to know.

Nominations for the recipient of the award have been received from throughout the United States. Presentation will be held in Phi Beta Kappa hall.

The recipient, whose name has not been disclosed, will be presented a solid silver miniature of a colonial press. The press, fashioned of five pounds of silver, was designed and executed by William deMatte, Colonial Williamsburg silversmith who made the Freedom Bell presented to Sir Winston Churchill 18 months ago in recognition of his championship of freedom.

Cost of the silver press miniature was borne by most of the daily and weekly newspapers in Virginia.

Speakers at the dinner will be Raymond Blattenberger, United States public printer and head of the government printing office in Washington, and Don Whitehead, chief of the Washington Bureau of the New York Herald Tribune, and former Associated Press correspondent who won two Pulitzer prizes for distinguished reporting.

Miss Marguerite Osborne, Editor of The Virginia Gazette, is chairman of the V. P. A. Awards Committee. Ralph K. T. Larson, managing editor of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot and a member of the award committee, will preside at the dinner. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Cotesworth Lewis, rector of old Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg. Alvin D. Chandler, president of the College of William and Mary, will deliver the address of welcome.

Rubber rafts are banned at state lakes.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Oakville

Oakville, July 16.- Mrs. Ellen H. Moore had a family reunion at her home Sunday, with most of the family present. Lots of friends called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore and daughter, of Beckley, West Va., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Moore.

The Mens Club of Mt. Comfort Church had a lawn party the sixth of July, with a large attendance.

The Oakville community was saddened very much by the death of Mr. A. D. Marshall, and sympathy goes out to this family.

Warren C. Martin leaves Thursday, July 18, by plane, for California, where he has been teaching for the past two years.

Miss Ethel Gardner underwent an operation on Monday. We surely hope for her a speedy recovery. She is in Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter, of West Va., spent theh week-end with Mrs. E. B. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Marshall spent Thursday in Alexandria, Va.

Mr. Foster Cutlette is in Clifton Forge Hospital for treatment. Hope he will have a speedy recovery.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Fortune can take from us nothing but what she gave us.
—Publilius Syrus.

Man's life is ruled by fortune, not by wisdom. —Cicero.

Every man is the architect of his own fortune. —Sallust.

Not many men have both good fortune and good sense. —Livy.

Nothing is more perilous to men than a sudden change in fortune.
—Quintilian.

CAR'S A BARGAIN

Montreal, Canada.- Ken and Miriam Tyas, an Australian couple on a world sight-seeing tour, bought a 1949 car, with a bed in the back, for $75 in Sacramento, Calif. They drove south into Mexico, east to Florida, north to New York, and finally to the Canadian border. Custom officials would not let them take it into Canada, so they turned around, drive it to the nearest service station and sold it for $50 —after driving the car for more than 10,000 miles.

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FARM BUREAU PROGRAM IN FARMVILLE

The Prince Edward County Farm Bureau and the American Legion Auxiliary will have a public meeting in Farmville on July 19, at 8 o'clock in the Jarman Auditorium.

J. B. Wall, Jr. will preside.

Among the guests will be Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, Delegate John Daniel, and Hon. Seger Gravitt.

The public is invited.

BIRD AND BOY PALS

Binghamton, N. Y.- Guy Lillie, 7, suffered a broken leg in an automobile accident and was immobilized. A cousin found a baby robin, too young to fly, which had fallen from its nest during a tree-removal operation. She brought it to Guy. Now the robin, whose cage is beside Guy's bed, spends most of its time perching on the boy's bed, shoulders or leg cast.

COWS SHOCKED

Nottingham, England.- When Lord Mayor William Hicking pressed a button to open the city's dairy festivities, held recently, the cows bucked and bellowed. It seems the mechanical milking machinery was short-circuited.

God and Man

If you aren't as close to God as you once were, don't make a mistake about which one has moved. —Brotherhood Journal.

Homemakers Items

Are you a smart food shopper? That's an important question these days, says the county home demonstration agent, and she's prepared some "questions and answers" to guide homemakers in spending their food dollar:

Q. Which is the best buy —large eggs at 60c, or small eggs at 48c?

A. Large eggs at 60c a dozen cost 40c a pound. Small eggs at 48c a dozen cost 43c a pound.

Q. Which is the best buy— pie crust mix, ready-to-roll sticks, or flour and shortening to make your own?

A. Mix costs about 7c more for two crusts than ingredients to make your own.

Q. Which is the best buy —"brown and serve" rolls or hot roll mix?

A. Brown and serve rolls cost about twice as much as rolls made from mix.

Q. How much do you save in buying 25 pounds of flour over 5 pounds

A. About 56c in most stores.

Q. If a family of four has a $25-a-week food budget, how much will they probably spend on meat?

A. One-fourth of the total food cost.

Q. About how much does the average 2-layer cake-mix cost? How much to buy ingredients and make the same quality cake?

A. About 33c — both the same.

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